

PARKS

Duxbury selectmen backing Scout's park-building project

DUXBURY — The selectmen last night endorsed Matt Cleveland's proposal to create a small park on Depot Street as his Eagle Scout Project.

If the project is approved by the Old Colony Boy Scout Council and by the National Eagle Scout Board of Review, Cleveland plans to create a small park and picnic area on land willed to the town by Isabel Freeman, who died in 1993.

Cleveland, 16, is proposing two picnic tables, a plaque, a 25-foot-by-25-foot gravel parking area and two benches.

"I just wanted to do something for the people of Duxbury," he said.

Cleveland said he will seek donations of building materials and would like to have the project completed by November.

A minimal amount of maintenance is now done on the parcel.

"I think that we should consider this a first step in beautifying the property," Selectman Margaret

Kearney said. "It is a nice gift to the town and we should take care of it."

Cleveland's park must adhere to the stipulation in Freeman's will that the area be a bird sanctuary. Cleveland also must determine whether any other local committee has plans for the land.

"It sounds like a wonderful idea to preserve the property and honor Mrs. Freeman's memory," Selectmen Chairman John Tuffy said.

In other business, the selectmen voted unanimously to implement a traffic plan July 3 that was recommended by Police Chief Mark DeLuca for the Fourth of July activities.

The plan will make King Caesar Road a one-way street going out to the Powder Point Bridge and Powder Point Avenue one way coming from the bridge to the flagpole on Washington Street.

Part of each street will be blocked off for pedestrian use. The plan will be in effect from 3 to 11 p.m.

— Jennifer Arthur